



Task Force and Committee Leadership Changes for CPR

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New York—The International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR), a global non-profit organization that advances dispute prevention and resolution practices and provides high quality solutions, announced several key leadership changes in its unique, membership-driven committee and task force structure.

CPR's Government & ADR Task Force aims to educate corporations on the specific requirements for engaging in ADR with target government agencies. The Task Force also encourages the increasing use of ADR in private-public disputes as well as the development of new ADR solutions for these disputes. As an information clearinghouse, the Task Force bridges the gap between government and business by facilitating mutual sharing of ADR best practices.

The new co-chairs of CPR's Government & ADR Task Force are **Barron A. Avery** of BakerHostetler LLP and **Pete Swanson**, Director, Office of Conflict Management and Prevention at the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Barron Avery leads BakerHostetler's national Government Contracts team, which consists of a group of core attorneys dedicated to counseling and representing clients in the government contracting sector. In his practice, Barron counsels and represents government contractors and subcontractors in a wide range of matters involving all aspects of federal government contracting. With substantial knowledge of the rules and regulations that drive the government contracts industry, Barron provides knowledgeable day-to-day advice and counseling to government contractors.

As Director for the Office of Conflict Management and Prevention at the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), Pete Swanson manages FMCS's non-collective bargaining related efforts, including all the initiatives in employment, public policy, enforcement, regulatory, procurement, tribal, educational, community and other non-traditional and reimbursable areas of FMCS work. Pete was also a principle architect of FMCS's domestic and international alternative dispute resolution programs. Prior to joining FMCS, Pete was a senior partner with Carr Swanson & Randolph, LLC, where he worked with over 50 federal, state, local and international agencies and organizations in four continents and 23 countries to provide dispute systems design, mediation training, facilitation and leadership development.

CPR's Mediation Committee aims to enhance the quality and effectiveness of corporate mediation practice, both domestically and internationally, and recently released *[Mediation Best Practices Guide for In-House Counsel: Make Mediation Work for You](#)*, a new CPR members-only guide with insider tips from in-house counsel on how to navigate every step of the mediation process (digital copies [available](#) to CPR members at no cost). The Mediation Committee meets quarterly to put on programs of interest and works to identify qualified neutrals to serve on CPR's Panels of Distinguished Neutrals.

Marjorie Berman of Krantz & Berman LLP joins current Co-Chairs Rick Richardson of GlaxoSmithKline and Grace Speights of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP to become Co-Chair of CPR's Mediation Committee.

An employment and commercial litigator, Marjorie has been appointed to a variety of court appointed mediation panels and actively mediates court referred matters as well as serving as a private mediator. She is dedicated to the promise of mediation as a critical component in the judicial system and for the critical role and perspective that experienced litigators bring to the process.

"I want to extend a warm welcome, and thank you, to all of our new task force and committee heads, for the energy and insights I know they will contribute to CPR's efforts," said Noah J. Hanft, CPR President & CEO. "Along with our own top-notch staff, they are the life-blood of this organization, inspiring and helping to drive our thought leadership, including CPR's initiatives around the world."

About CPR

Established in 1977, CPR is an independent nonprofit organization that helps global businesses prevent and resolve commercial disputes effectively and efficiently.

- **CPR Dispute Resolution** is an ADR provider offering quality, efficiency and integrity via innovative and practical arbitration rules, mediation and other dispute resolution services and procedures—as well as arbitrators, mediators and other neutrals, worldwide.
- The **CPR Institute**, the world's leading ADR think tank, positions CPR uniquely as a thought leader, driving a global dispute resolution culture and utilizing its powerful committee structure to develop cutting edge tools, training and resources. These efforts are powered by the collective innovation of CPR's membership—comprising top corporations and law firms, academic and public institutions, and leading mediators and arbitrators around the world.

Each element of this unique organization informs and enriches the whole, for the benefit of our members and users.